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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Joan M. Olszewski

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/12/03 interview with election.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-7 and 10-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 February 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group III, claims 10-16 and Species I, Figures 10A-10G in the interview of November 12, 2004 is acknowledged. Currently, claims 1-20 are pending in this application, however claims 1-7 and 11-20 have been withdrawn by the Examiner as being directed to non-elected inventions. Of the Group III claims 10-16 elected claim 10 is withdrawn as being directed to Species VII, Figures 17A-17F; claims 11 and 14 as being directed to Species VI and VIII, Figures 14 and 15A-15N; claim 12 as being directed to Species IV, Figures 13A-13E; claim 13 as being directed to Species V, Figure 18 and claims 15 and 16 as being directed to Species VIII, Figures 15A-15N.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show features as described in the specification for example:

"films 17 and 18" on page 12;

"folding guide blade 32" on page 12

Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance. Applicant is required to review the entire specification and drawings for errors such as those listed above. The list above is not complete it is merely an

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example of the types of errors throughout the specification. Applicant is reminded that no new matter may be introduced.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "9" has been used to designate both "vinyl 9" on page 15, line 13; "cover 9" on page 16, line 4 and "film 9" on page 16, line 14. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Further, Applicant is required to carefully review the entire specification for errors of the type mentioned above and correct all locations in the specification so that the reference character and the term to describe that reference character is consistent throughout.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description: "10a" in Figures 9M and 9N. A proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract

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on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it exceeds the 150-word limit and further uses the term "disclosed" in lines 1,7,13 and 17. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

The term "joint" is unclear and confusing on page 2, line 3.

The phrase "side view of a fold poly bags 20 of Fig. 3" is confusing as to the meaning intended on page 5, line 1.

The phrase "Numeral J-K" on page 12, these are letters not numerals.

Further, errors such as these occur throughout the disclosure and should be corrected. Again Applicant is reminded that no new matter may be introduced.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Crawford (US Patent 6,102,247).

Regarding Claims 8 and 9, Crawford discloses a storage-dispensing device capable of housing items which could include a pack of poly bags therein; a cover portion (40) for closing an open side of the container portion; a divider portion (30) for separating the container portion and the cover portion into two compartments (Figure 2); the divider portion having a through hole (39) formed through the center thereof which would allow access to items such as poly bags stored in the container portion (20) and which would allow for the sequentially removal the items through the hole in the divider portion; means (first flexible hinge 51 and second flexible hinge 52) for joining the container portion cover portion and divider portion and the container portion to the cover portion respectively and wherein the joining means allow the portions and the hinges to be integrally formed with each other (Figures 1-3).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joan M. Olszewski whose telephone number is 703-305-2693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (5:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Poon can be reached on 703-308-2574. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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